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1. On 31 January a Soviet ship of approximately 390 tons arrived at Whampoa with 45 large boxes of aeronautical supplies, 70 cases of 155 mm howitzer parts, and approximately 250 boxes of rifle ammunition. This cargo was all stored at T'ienho Airfield.
2. On 30 January 42 Soviet members of the Soviet 6 Air Squadron arrived at Canton by air from Peiping with Lieutenant Colonel So-pi-chia-no-fu (索彼加諾夫) (? Sobichanov) in command. All were billeted at Government Guest House Number 4, Shameen, Canton.
3. In early February Soviet Air Force personnel at White Cloud Airfield were under the command of Lo-mi-kao-fu (羅米高夫) (? Romikov).
4. In early February all wooden bridges on Kwangtung highways were being widened and rebuilt with reinforced concrete.
5. From January to early February military traffic was heavy on the Canton-Shench'uan Railroad. It included troops, equipment, and supplies.
6. On 3 February three Chinese Communist Army artillery battalions went by rail from Canton to Shench'uan (114-08, 22-32), where they were billeted.
7. In early February there were 90,000 Chinese Communist troops in the Polo (114-17, 23-09) -Tungkuan (113-16, 23-02) -Shihlung (113-51, 23-07) area.*** The greatest concentration was at Polo.

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